**PAMS PTA Meeting**

**December 8, 2015**

Call to Order 5:35

In attendance: Dr. Bergren, Janine Sarach, Amber Sloan, Stacy Cortez, Christine Vitale, Kathy Rush, Brenda Gargiulo, Christine Sullivan

Minutes from 11/10/15 meeting approved with one change – Ms. Warnock did not attend the November meeting.

**Administration report**- Dr. Bergren: Discipline continues to be light. There were only 12 referrals in November.

There is a lot of outreach going on. The school is keeping our citizenship ideals out there to combat bullying because it always seems to rear its ugly head in middle school. Dr. Bergren has been researching different programs to possibly bring to the school for the students to be aware and informed. ThinkKindness.org, The Anti-Defamation League and Green Zone are three groups that offer programs, materials and challenges to schools. Each has a cost associated with it and he may be asking the PTA for assistance.

The PTA asked if we could put out an all call to our members and community to see if we have someone that is a motivational speaker, hopefully on this subject or objective that is willing to donate their time to help us in our efforts to bring meaningful awareness to our student body. Looking to get something planned in the Jan/Feb time frame.

The Schools to Watch committee visited our school yesterday. They spoke with students, staff and parents on various topics concentrating on teams and cohesiveness. Dr. Bergren was pleasantly surprised to receive a phone call from one of the committee members asking if staff from his school could come back to visit. This is a big honor to be chosen as a School to Watch because it shows what great things PAMS is doing.

No word yet on Fab School Labs. We will wait and see if we were chosen.

Dr. Bergren sat on a city committee to explore our city’s school lunch debt. He came back to our school and with his admin and guidance team brainstormed on what we, at PAMS, can do to help lower the almost a quarter of a million dollar citywide debt. The bottle line is that no one wants to see any child go hungry. A suggestions was that our charitable efforts with our Lend A Hand event this year could possibly go towards this effort. It was suggested that we, because we do not have a huge amount of this debt, partner with another middle school that needs a lot of help. One target was targeting upcoming 6th graders and taking care of their debt so that they come into middle school with a clean slate. A question/concern was brought up about enabling the parents and if they would just let the debt build up again. Nothing is going to happen today, or tomorrow. We just need to be aware and thinking of ways to fix the problem.

**Activities Report**- Dr. Bergren for Mr. Clark: Academic Challenge is undefeated. Our boys (2-1) and girl’s (1-2) basketball teams are off to a good start. These are good teams that play with a lot of heart, are proud of themselves and never give up. The first letter regarding the 8th grade end of the year Busch Gardens trip will be going home before winter break. Students must maintain a C average until the time of the trip and must have no discipline issues. Once payments are made there are no refunds. If a child does end up not being able to go for grades or discipline issues the admissions ticket, meal ticket and t-shirt will be given to the child after the trip date.

**PIE Report**- No report.

**Membership/Stress Free**- Janine for Jill Anglin 1017 members and $7271 in Stress Free. We need 461 members to reach 100%

**Treasurer’s report –** Christine Vitale – Current balance on hand as of November 30, 2015 is $17,758.73. Report attached

**Committee Updates:**

**Corresponding Secretary**- Janine for Jessie Lindsey – November birthdays taken care of. Let her know if any cards need to go out. Dr. Bergren said that cards will need to go to Hunter Dunlo for a birth, Jennifer Crow for a death and Dr. Phillips for sickness

**Volunteers**- Amber Sloan: Sign Up genius for the teacher holiday luncheon went out this evening and already people are signing up.

**Reflections**- Amber Sloan: Student entries have been displayed in the front of the building in the foyer and down the hall. We do not know if we have any winners at the city level.

**Concessions**- Janine for Kim Wells: two home games so far. Brought in $300 at each. Anyone that wants to help is welcome and appreciated

**Book Fair**-Stacy Cortez: Not going so well. Sales REALLY slow. But historically one of the two fairs in the first semester does not so well. But Stacy will plug on and we will make what we will make.

**Newsletter**-Janine for Tracy Boswell – Deadline for the next issue is tomorrow, December 9th

**Website**-Melissa Haggerty: No report

**Spirit Wear**-Jean Blackwell: No report

**Hospitality**-Erin Hagge: Holiday Luncheon 12/17, School Activities Coordinator appreciation 1/21/16

**Principles of American Citizenship**-Janine for Julie Wiley- Good participation from teachers. Kaylee Tyler from Ms. Vinikoff’s 6th grade English class won the citywide award for October’s trait Diligence

**New Business:**

**Chick Fil A night** – the PTA will host a spirit night on Tuesday December 15th to support our partnership with Chick Fil A

**Sample Sale** – The PTA will host a surf wear Sample Sale on Saturday December 19th in the school’s cafeteria from 9am-12pm

**Giving Tree** – classes have been collecting monetary donations for a week. Collections will go until next Wednesday. Money will be used to purchase Christmas presents for the children in the families that we assist through our PAMS outreach program. So far $1500 has been collected.

**Lend A Hand** – Scheduled for April 30, 2016 – if anyone has an idea of who will benefit from our proceeds let Mrs. Hallock know

**Old Business:**

**Fab Schools Lab** – Dr. Bergren covered in his update

**Teacher Luncheon** – Amber covered the volunteer aspect in her report, Brenda Gargiulo will step in for Erin Hagge for set up. Team effort to run the event. Anyone is welcome to help

**Talent Show** – First night of auditions is complete. Going to be a very small show but the kids are excited.

**Next Meeting January 12, 2016**

**Adjourn** 7:03pm